WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of realizing personalized information for a user from multiple information sources, comprising:

establishing a user profile for the user based on various interests of the user;

establishing a virtual unified space;

populating the virtual unified space with a plurality of different virtual media collections in accordance with the user profile; and

browsing the unified space under user control.

2. A method as in claim 1 wherein the virtual unified space is a virtual library.

3. A method as in claim 1 wherein the virtual unified space comprises a floor of a virtual library.

4. A method as in claim 1 wherein the user profile establishing step comprises loading from memory a previously created user profile.

5. A method as in claim 1 wherein the user profile establishing step comprises:

presenting a variety of questions to the user about the user's interests, and

creating a user profile based on the user's answers to the questions.

6. A method as in claim 1 wherein the populating step comprises:

acquiring information items from a plurality of information sources of different media type in accordance with the user profile; and

placing the information items into the virtual multiple media collections based on their respective information sources.

7. A method as in claim 1 wherein the populating step comprises:

comparing the user profile with a collective profile database to establish a similar collective profile;

acquiring information items from a plurality of information sources of different media type in accordance with the collective profile; and

placing the information items into the virtual multiple media collections based on their respective information sources.

8. A method as in claim 7 further comprising:

identifying a selection of at least one of the information items by the user from one of the media collections; and

updating the user profile in accordance with the identifying step.

9. A method as in claim 1 wherein the media collections comprises respective pluralities of similarly classifiable information items, further comprising:

identifying a selection of at least one of the information items by the user from one of the media collections; and

updating the user profile in accordance with the identifying step.

10. A method as in claim 1 further comprising augmenting the user profile in accordance with a collaborative data base.

11. A method as in claim 1 further comprising:

searching the virtual unified space with a search engine under user control; and

updating the user profile in accordance with the searching step.

12. A method as in claim 11 further comprising storing results of the searching step as media collections in the unified space for browsing by the user.

13. A method as in claim 12 further comprising filtering results of the searching step in accordance with the user profile.

14. A method as in claim 13 further comprising prioritizing results of the searching step in accordance with the user profile.

15. A receiver apparatus for obtaining content from multiple information sources for viewing by a viewer, comprising:

an input/output ("I/O") controller including an Internet connection input, a video output, and a selector input;

an adaptive user profile database;

a filter coupled to the adaptive user profile database, the filter being coupled to the I/O controller for filtering information from the Internet connection input in accordance with the adaptive user profile database;

means for displaying a virtual unified space through the video output;

means for populating the virtual unified space with virtual multiple media collections using the filtered information from the implicit filter; and

means for browsing the unified space in accordance with the selector input.

16. A receiver apparatus as in claim 15 wherein the media collections comprises respective pluralities of similarly classifiable information items, further comprising:

means for identifying a selection of one of the information items by the user from one of the media collections; and

means for updating the adaptive user profile database in accordance with the identifying step.

17. A receiver apparatus as in claim 16 further comprising means for augmenting the adaptive user profile database in accordance with a collaborative data base.

18. A method as in claim 17 wherein the I/O controller further comprises an input for receiving television programs, including additional information through the television program and electronic program guide information, the filter being coupled to the I/O controller for filtering information from the television program input in accordance with the adaptive user profile database.

19. A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having program logic recorded thereon for enabling a computer-enabled apparatus to display personalized information for a user from multiple information sources, comprising:

means for establishing a user profile for the user based on various interests of the user;

means for establishing a virtual unified space;

means for populating the virtual unified space with a plurality of different virtual media collections in accordance with the user profile; and

means for browsing the unified space under user control.

20. A computer program product as in claim 19 wherein the media collections comprises respective pluralities of similarly classifiable information items, further comprising:

means for identifying a selection of one of the information items by the user from one of the media collections; and

means for updating the user profile in accordance with the identifying step.

21. A computer program product as in claim 20 further comprising means for augmenting the user profile with reference to a collaborative data base.